

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 20, 2010. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10, 12 to 14 and 16 to 24 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 13, 14 and 16 to 18 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 14, 18, 21 and 24 are allowable.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 8 would be allowable if it were rewritten into independent form. In this regard, Claim 8 has been essentially rewritten into independent form by the subject matter thereof having been incorporated into Claim 1. Thus, Claims 1 to 6, 9, 10 and 12 are believed to be allowable.

Claim 16 is a device claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 1, and the subject matter of Claim 8 has also been incorporated into Claim 16. Therefore, Claim 16 is believed to be allowable for the same reasons as Claim 1.

Claim 13, while not corresponding precisely to Claim 1, nonetheless includes features substantially corresponding to those claimed in Claim 1. As such, Applicants have chosen to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 8 (minus the portion corresponding to previously-presented Claim 1) into Claim 13. Thus, while Claims 1 and 13 differ somewhat, it is believed that Claim 13 is allowable. Additionally, inasmuch as Claim 17 is a device claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 13, and Claim 17 has been likewise amended, it is believed that Claim 17 is also allowable.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 to 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,159,007 (Stawikowski) in

view of U.S. Patent No. 7,386,860 (Dani). In view of the amendments discussed above, the rejections are believed to be obviated. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believe to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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